

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently amended) In a[A] lounge chair having a seat portion, an adjustable back portion rotatable about a transverse axis through roughly a 90° angle from upright to flat, and an adjustable supporting means associated with said back portion;

the improvement comprising means manually accessible by a person while seated on the seat portion to lower the back portion through any desired angle from upright to flat, comprising a lever extending from the side of the seating ~~area~~ portion to said adjustable supporting means to engage and re-engage the supporting means to change the angle of the back portion.

2. (Currently amended) The lounge chair of claim 1 wherein the adjustable supporting means comprises two movable members, one at each side of the chair, said members having a plurality of claws or teeth members, and a fixed cross bar, said bar being adapted to engage said claws or teeth members.

3. (Currently amended) The lounge chair of claim 2 wherein said lever is adapted to be grasped and pushed back to disengage ~~the~~said claw or teeth members to thereby allow the back portion to rotate or pivot downwardly to any desired extent and then pulled forward to re-engage ~~the chair~~said claws or teeth ~~member~~members on said cross bar.

4. (Currently amended) The lounge chair of claim 2 wherein the lever is adapted to be grasped and pulled forward to disengage ~~the~~said claws or teeth members to thereby allow the back portion to rotate or pivot downwardly to any desired extent and then pushed backward to re-engage ~~the~~said claw or teeth ~~member~~members on said cross bar.

5. (Currently amended) The lounge chair of claim 1 wherein the chair is made of tubular ~~or solid~~ stock.

6. (New) The lounge chair of claim 1 wherein the chair is made of solid stock.

7. (Currently amended) The lounge chair of claim 1 ~~herein said~~wherein the improvement is provided as an original equipment feature.

8. (Currently amended) The lounge chair of claim 1 wherein ~~said~~the improvement is provided as an after-market feature.

9. (Currently amended) The lounge chair of claim 1 wherein said lounge chair is ~~in major part~~includes parts made of galvanized metal, plastic, aluminum, brass ~~and/or~~or stainless steel.